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Application No.: 09/941,453

Art Unit.: 1756

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Examiner: Saleha R. Mohamedulla

For: "System And Method For Identifying Dummy Features On A Mask Layer"

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Date: May 3, 2005

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.
2. **STATUS:** Applicant is other than a small entity.
3. **EXTENSION OF TERM:** The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.
4. **FEE FOR CLAIMS:** The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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Total 19	Minus 65	= 0	x \$50 =	\$0	
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First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim			+ \$360 =	\$0	
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			Addit. Fee	\$0	

No additional fee for claims is required.

5. **FEE DEFICIENCY:** If any additional extension and/or fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0574.

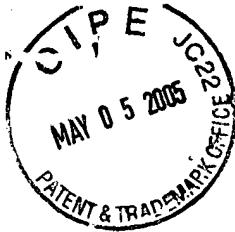
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Initial Comments

Claims 1-12, 48-52, and 55-56 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-12, 48-52, and 55-56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,597,668 (Nowak).

No claims are amended herein.